

## REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1-19 are allowed.

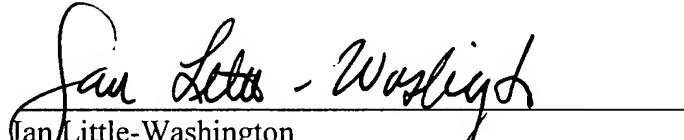
Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 9, 13, and 17 are independent. By the foregoing Amendment, Applicants seek to amend claims 14-16 to correct informalities. It is believed that these changes introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

## CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,  
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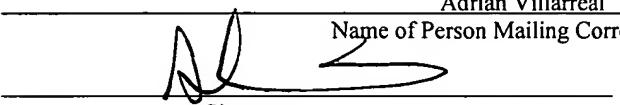
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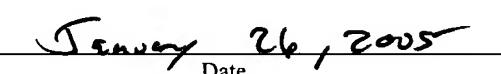
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